- MY POSSIBILITIES CAMPUS FOR HIGHER LEARNING -

CONTINUED EDUCATION AND JOB PLACEMENT FOR ADULTS WITH INTELLECTUAL AND DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES

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In 2007, three mothers joined forces over the lack of options for their children with special needs who were about to age out of high school. These students had the desire and potential to continue learning and improving their skills. What they did not have was the opportunity.

College or vocational training programs available to typical high school graduates are simply not an option for adults with an intellectual or developmental disabilities (IDD). Determined to create a better future for their own children and for others facing the same predicament, they set out to design a program for adults with special needs that not only encourages them to learn, grow, volunteer, work, and explore their talents, but helps them become contributing members of their community.

From their vision, My Possibilities (MP) was born. With help from the community, MP opened its doors in 2008 to ten students and a handful of volunteer teachers. Well-crafted programs and the ability to work with many different diagnoses drove rapid growth. MP moved to its second location in 2013, which was twice the size of its original home. In 2018, MP delivered the 40,000-square-foot My Possibilities Campus for Higher Learning. This first of its kind college-style campus serves 650 adults with IDD per week.

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<th>Important Milestones</th>
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<td><strong>2007</strong></td>
<td>Three mothers envision My Possibilities and design business plan on back of Starbucks napkin.</td>
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<td><strong>2008</strong></td>
<td>MP opens to serve ten HIPsters/day. Three mothers and volunteer instructors are first staff.</td>
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<td><strong>2009/2010</strong></td>
<td>Speech therapy begins. MP restructures to offer morning and afternoon programs as affordability becomes key focus of agency.</td>
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<td><strong>2011</strong></td>
<td>Enrollment is now 60 HIPsters and MP is bursting at the seams.</td>
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<td><strong>2013</strong></td>
<td>MP moves to current home, by 2016 serves 185 HIPsters/day and average of 400 families/week.</td>
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<td><strong>2014</strong></td>
<td>MP develops new HIPster-centric educational framework, 5 Pillars of Education, which is later trademarked.</td>
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<td><strong>2015</strong></td>
<td>The addition of MP residential training program and HIPster catering services.</td>
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<td><strong>2016</strong></td>
<td>Redesigned vocational program offers hands-on training to prepare HIPsters for jobs in retail, culinary, janitorial, administrative, creative, and entrepreneurial sectors.</td>
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<td><strong>2017</strong></td>
<td>MP announces plan for college-style campus, launches $25M capital campaign.</td>
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<td><strong>2018</strong></td>
<td>MP merges with LaunchAbility to create the LaunchAbility Career Services Center and moves into the first-of-its kind, college-style Campus for Higher Learning.</td>
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More than 800,000 individuals in Texas have cognitive disabilities. Approximately 250,000 of these individuals live in the six counties from which My Possibilities draws the majority of its students (US Census, 2014).

These numbers keep growing. North Texas is in the midst of a huge growth spurt, and the region will add at least 10,500 new jobs over the next few years due to corporate relocations. Toyota North America, Liberty Mutual, FedEx Office, and JPMorgan Chase & Co., plus a growing number of hotel, retail and mixed-use projects, all plan to make North Texas their home. A large percentage of jobs they bring will belong to employees moving into this area. Toyota alone moved approximately 3,000 out-of-state employees and their families here as part of their corporate relocation. Given the Census Bureau statistics, we know a significant number of individuals who have IDD will accompany their families to this area. The need for continued education for adults with IDD just keeps growing.

Adding to the population boom in this area, we are also faced with ever-increasing numbers of high school students with IDD who graduate each year from nearby school districts and private programs.
My Possibilities draws families from six counties and over 90 different zip codes in North Texas. Families have even moved to the area so their HIPsters can attend MP. Many students spend part of the week with us while living with extended family members or in rental units in the area, returning to their homes in other parts of the state for the weekend. MP has a huge impact on HIPsters, and many families make great sacrifices to send their loved ones to My Possibilities.
My Possibilities purchased 20 acres of land in Plano, Texas to launch its Campus for Higher Learning. This educational center is modeled as a college campus, but designed specifically for adults with IDD. Our current and expanded programs will target several key objectives:

- Expand programs to meet the growing need of adults with IDD
- Improve HIPsters’ job skills through new training and coaching opportunities
- Provide residential training program, on-campus dorm experiences
- Broaden services that target behavior management skills
- Incorporate physical and occupational therapies as part of program
- Educate community on benefits of hiring adults with IDD – first responders, HR professionals, educators, and therapists
- Increase the number of HIPsters working in the community
- Raise awareness of HIPsters’ capabilities
- Increase number of HIPsters living independently
- Remove barriers to conventional educational and employment opportunities
- Extend practicum experience opportunities for local college students
- Enhance social enterprise activities by increasing on-site jobs:
  - HIPster-run administrative services for local businesses
  - HIPsters working in businesses located on campus - print shop, coffee shop, catering and culinary arts, etc.
- Intensify community engagement - volunteer opportunities, visits to MP Café and other businesses on campus

HIPster noun
/ˈhɪpsta/ 
Def.
Hugely Important People. Our students. The adults who attend MP who all have an important role to play in society.
CAMPUS DESIGN

LaunchAbility Entrance

Photo courtesy of Jennifer Shertz
CAMPUS CHAMPION OPPORTUNITIES

My Possibilities has some exciting sponsorship opportunities for Champions who want to get involved in this pioneering and one-of-a-kind project.

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<td>2nd Floor Community Patio</td>
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<td>Vocabiliies Lab (3)</td>
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<td>MP Fitness Room</td>
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<td>Art Room/Studio</td>
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“We courageously and relentlessly pursue the full, untapped possibilities of our Hugely Important People (HIPsters), making every day count!”

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The My Possibilities Campus for Higher Learning is a bold vision that is coming to life with the support and investment of local communities.

Adults with IDD are integral members of our community who are eager to live, work, play, and enjoy life just like everyone else.

Their lives may be different, but they continue to demonstrate a resiliency of spirit and remarkable desire to live a more fulfilling life.

The My Possibilities Campus for Higher Learning educational opportunity helps our HIPsters realize their greatest potential.

We invite you to join our three-year campaign to raise $25 MILLION for the first phase of construction of our My Possibilities Campus for Higher Learning.

For more information, please email campaign@mptx.org

THANK YOU for being part of our vision and investing in the future of adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities in North Texas.
Thank you to our trailblazing supporters for helping make phase one of this first-of-its-kind, college-style campus for adults with special needs a reality.

Fischer Family School of Life Skills  
Fischer Family

LaunchAbility Career Services Center  
Alliance Data

Culinary Arts Education  
Keurig Dr Pepper

Campus Courtyard  
The Eugene McDermott Foundation

Foundational Gift  
Colette & Larry Young

Main Lobby  
The Rees - Jones Foundation

Welcome Center  
Solomon Family

HIPster Lobby  
Hamon Charitable Foundation

MP Champion Circle  
The Meadows Foundation, PlastiPak/Bill Young, Robertson Family

MP Café  
HEB/Central Market

Life Skills Classroom  
Baumgarten Family, D Magazine

MP Board Room  
Carter-Young Family

MP Therapy Wing  
The Perot Foundation

MP Legacy Supporter  
Anonymous, ATC Freightlander Group, The Cavanaugh Family, CBRE, Communities Foundation of Texas, The Jones Family Foundation, Micotto Family, The Troesh Family Foundation

MP Scholar Society  
Classic Steel, O’Brien Family, PPC Cares/John Rogers

Music Therapy Room  
The Gates of Chai Foundation

Speech Therapy Room  
Simmons Foundation, Hoblitzelle Foundation

MP Fellowship Society  

MP Ambassador  
Berry Family Services, Tim & Liz McHugh

Campus Bench Front Entry  
Hickey Family, In honor of Amanda Welwood

MP Founders Society  
Bernard Family, Brad Reid, Gutierrez Family, Susie and T Hardie, Mewbourne Family, Parkhill, Smith & Cooper, Salem Nationalease Corp.

Campus Bench Courtyard  
Sherwin Williams

MP HIPster Sponsor Society  

MP Community Supporter  
Allison Family, John Denison, Forehand Family, Forged Components, Inc., Hancock Family, Karen and Chris Jackson, Locke Lord LLC, Roosevelt Family, Watson Family
HOW YOU CAN HELP
There are many ways you can help support the efforts of My Possibilities. From volunteering time, to leaving a legacy, no matter what you choose, My Possibilities thrives because of the involvement of community supporters like you. Check out some of these opportunities, and consider making a difference for HIPsters today!

- **MAKE A DONATION** - mypossibilities.org/donate or mail check to My Possibilities at 3601 Mapleshade Lane, Plano, TX 75075.
- **PLANNED GIVING** - Leave a living legacy, bequeath a gift to My Possibilities in your will.
- **DONATE STOCK** - Visit our website for more details on how you can donate stock to My Possibilities.
- **VOLUNTEER** - Get involved by volunteering in the program during a Day of Inclusion (DOI) or at one of our events, email volunteer@mptx.org to learn more.
- **ATTEND AN EVENT** - For upcoming events, visit our website or email events@mptx.org.
- **LIKE/FOLLOW US** - Find us on Facebook, Instagram, LinkedIn, and Twitter to stay up-to-date with MP.